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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin today announced the filing of a six-count Indictment against AURILUZ CRUZ and VIVIAN SANTINI charging them with conspiracy to distribute over 1 kilogram of heroin in the City of Allentown. AURILUZ CRUZ is also charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin and aiding and abetting distribution of heroin, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	RESIDENCE	AGE
AURILUZ CRUZ	Allentown, Pennsylvania	27
VIVIAN SANTINI	Allentown, Pennsylvania	42

If convicted defendant AURILUZ CRUZ faces a mandatory minimum period of incarceration of 15 years to a maximum of life, a mandatory minimum of 5 years up to lifetime supervised release, \$9,250,000 fine, and a \$600 special assessment. If convicted defendant VIVIAN SANTINI faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years incarceration to a maximum of life, a mandatory minimum of 5 years up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

This case is part of the “222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative,” a federally funded program designed to defeat some of the most violent and pervasive gangs in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The “222 Corridor” includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. This initiative combines federal, state, and local law enforcement resources to attack gang crime and violence throughout the corridor.

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The case was investigated by the Allentown Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Allentown RA and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

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